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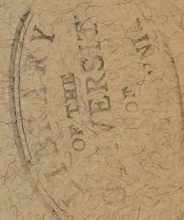
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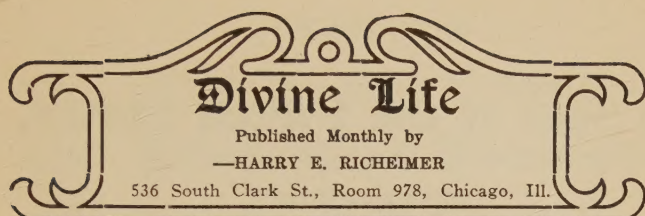
The award to the CONQUEROR, is the Eternal Memory: he shall eat the fruit of the tree of life (the fruitage of the life cycle) in the God's own abiding place, the mystical paradise or state of ineffable bliss.

The award to the CONQUEROR is conscious Immortality; he is to wear the crown of life, and nothing that originates in the soul-consciousness shall pass into the oblivion of the second death.

THE CONQUEROR—to him I shall award to eat a share of the hidden manna and I shall award to him a white voting-pebble, and on the voting pebble (will be) a new name engraved, which no one knows but he who receives it.

THE CONQUEROR—he shall be clothed in white garments, and I shall not at all erase his name from the book of life, but I shall acknowledge his name before my Father and before his Divinities.

THE CONQUEROR shall not at all be punished by the second death. He who has an ear to hear, let him hear.



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undertaking."

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*Thou monster arch-fiend of Life
Plagued with terror
Bold and defiant
Of all that goes to make
Man's happiness.
Closed to the portals
Of our human understanding;
Yet half disclosed
By a too eager indulgence
In activity.
I wot not
Whether 'twere best to live or die,
'Till this sting of the Mind
Soothes me to rest
In utter forgetfulness.*

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DIVINE LIFE



WHAT is the Divine Life? Is it the common ordinary run of life? Is it a life to be lived here and now? Is it a reality or is it purely a figment of the mind, a conjuration of the imaginary function of the human brain? It is none of these, save a life to be lived here and now in the Eternal transformation of things.

It is the outcome of a life of sacrifice to others and for others to whom the message of the Divine Life is consecrated. Those who live above the World must necessarily have nothing to do with the World outside the barest necessities and communication therewith. I know your first impression is after reading the above lines that a life within the casket is truly the meaning and conception of a Divine Life. This is as near as I can describe it. For, in order to be attuned with the Divine Life, the isolation must become as secure and complete as the isolation of the grave and of the tomb. You now live in yourself and not outside yourself. You have not narrowed your vision by any means for it now extends to and beyond the confines of Eternity.

I believe the day will come when I can demonstrate my theory to all the universities and colleges throughout the Country and World that the Divine Life lived here on Earth constitutes the foundation of a New Order of Ethics, followed and lived unveils the secrets of Man's hidden nature and the be all and end all of the structure of the Universe. Thereafter the configuration of the Earth shall change from the four quarters thereof to the limitations of Man's inherent latent capabilities. For once you open the main springs of the Soul of Man, thereafter time, space and the phenomena of the physical level resolves itself into vistas only accessible to the *inner senses*, today totally dormant in Man, yet like gold in a nearby mine as yet undiscovered.

Now my dear friend you are getting us into the dilemma of psychology and occultism. I am doing nothing of the kind. For the only psychology and occultism the Divine Life deals with is the awakening of the inner faculties of the Soul which being the outcome of a pure life of unselfish devotion and altruistic motives are consecrated to the upliftment and not to the detriment of all Mankind. The powers now are natural and not supernatural for they are the outcome of Man's evolutionary development where the Soul gains supremacy over the body. And gaining supremacy over the body all benefits derived belong to the mass and not to the individual.

A soul consecrated to the Divine Life must live on a higher plane of thought than the ordinary common run of Humanity. He should no more think of associating himself with the thoughts of others than that a sailing vessel should try to accommodate itself to the bottom of the ocean. He should keep his bark

above the dark waters of personal communication for he truly lives now in a World of his own making and not in the conventional ways of the World.

And what is the outcome of all this isolation, this mortification of the flesh, this entombment of the personality? A life, Brother, sweeter, fuller and more complete than any life lived here on Earth surrounded by friends, money, possessions or earthly joys and comforts. A life Divine where the false is laid aside for the enjoyment and occupancy of the true, new Life, eternal in the Heavens. A New Life with new laws for its fulfillment and establishment to supplant the fast declining World whose end now approaches.

The Divine Life is the sequel to the New Age, for only those whose lives are attuned to the Divine Life within themselves shall survive the Universal Catastrophe which lies at our very doors. Death thereafter is only a nightmare and can destroy nothing that the Divine Life has built up through a Soul consecrated to its sacred name and purpose.

I have a vivid recollection of passing through this Universal Catastrophe in a previous life and failed to stem the tide of the wave of the thoughts of others, for it is the thoughts of others which swamp the Divine Life and obstructs the Soul from coming into Divine communication with its own Soul Self.

I will tell you now that my mission is similar to and identical with the life and mission of the Master Jesus of Nazareth. My life also is sacrificed to the Divine Life within Humanity and I am one risen, Blessed and become whole through my sacrifice, devotion and love to my own Higher Self.

The main spring of action today is to get and to hold possessions for the personal self. I intend to reverse the whole present day scheme of things and make it a spring working for the benefit of the Whole and not for the individual. I am no prophet in the sense of promising something that I cannot deliver. I propose to give practical demonstration that healing is not and never was considered by the Ancients as the *sine qua non* of spiritual development. It is only of secondary importance and of minor consideration and was used as a cover to hide and obstruct the true inner Light of the Immortality of the Soul. For when I give demonstrations it will not be in the circle of phenomena, but in the vestments of the noumena, which constitute the facade of the inner temple—the SOUL.

Don't get frightened now! I am not a miracle worker or a Second Coming Christ. I am a man whose life is given over to solve this problem of Immortality, not for myself alone but for others. I believe the day will come when we will be no more confined to the limitations of the five physical senses than we are to the houses we are living in. And when we do discover this Sixth sense, this Soul plane or faculty which raises us above the communication of the body and all its earthly attachments, we shall say unto ourselves, thus truly, "Thy Kingdom come, thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven."

HARRY E. RICHEIMER.

"A man can receive nothing except it be given him from Heaven."—John III-27.

THE CURSE OF OWNERSHIP



AS it ever occurred to you that the less you have in this World the better you are off. Amazed! I hear you say, I always thought the opposite was the truth. No, I affirm and reaffirm that this is the secret opinion of our leading men who are advanced in years and who have had a "silver spoon" in their mouths all their lives, who today stand at the brink of the grave and who see things *as they are*, and not as they formerly appealed to them. If no man in this World owned anything and everything else was owned by the State or the United States, how soon would the mass consciousness of Man rise to the level of the Christ Consciousness or God Consciousness within. We would all be simply custodians and tenants of this house of flesh eternal in the Heavens. AND NOT SUBJECT TO DEATH ANY MORE!!! Ah, there you are! There is a catch in it some place, and it is you yourself by your very own selfishness of owning this body and all its terrestrial spoils about it including lands, money, children, chattels, holdings, interest and possessions in general are the one who has been caught. Are you crazy? I hear you say. Someone has to own these things and they cannot be owned simply by the State or United States Government. If that were true we would immediately have a Socialistic state, a Bolshevik Government, a state of confusion and anarchy! Now don't get frightened. You have been told this so long by the Powers that Be who own and control everything including our newspapers that you begin to believe it yourself. We would have a new state, a new Social State but it would not necessarily be Bolshevik or Anarchist. It would be the true ideal

AMERICAN STATE OF LIBERTY AND FREEDOM where Mankind would be freed from the prison of flesh forevermore and THERE WOULD BE NO MORE DEATH.

Oh, I cannot believe it. You are simply a dreamer and an idealist, an unpractical foolish crank for advocating non-ownership. No more than I am a crank like the crank of Galilee who advocated non-resistance to Evil. I am a free man who has given up and laid all down at the Master's feet and gained Eternal Life for obedience to His command: "Give up all thou hast (to those who want it) and follow Me" (the Christ Within).

Now, does it ever occur to you that you do not dwell here in this body anyhow, so why identify yourselves with it? You are like the electrical message that comes over silver wires from the Great Eternal Within from afar and are not the immediate resident thereof. You should not lay claim to this body, this death body, for it is not you. It is an organization given you by your Mother who is a part of Nature and when you leave this body it naturally reverts to the elements from whence it came, but you, the real you, go back and simply withdraw your own magnetic attraction into your inner being within your Heart and become oblivious to the World and its surroundings. You are dead to the World but not to your own Silent Magnetic Self, for that alone survives.

Some day science will discover this, or rediscover what I am telling you and a man can then stand before a gun, or rapid eating fire be consumed before our eyes and still remain on Earth in his magnetic body, not grown so compact and dense through the understanding of the magnetic field which surrounds

our Earth and to which he has now become closely knit and in rapport with that he functions on a plane interior and anterior to the plane of the mind and intellect and his consciousness is raised to the Buddhic level where you can no more pierce it with the thoughts of the World of Death than you can tell him that he lives and have him hear it. His organs of sense have become solidified into a magnetic transformation that couples his consciousness to the Immortal side of his nature. He owns nothing because he sees nothing as you and I see it now here on Earth, for his sight, hearing and feeling are of a Realm where only deathless possessions obtain; for to obtain these deathless *inner senses* are possessions enough for they identify him with the Eternal, Omnipotent, Omnipresent Self which is deathless and which never perishes at the grave.

Does it pay to own nothing? Does it pay to overcome Death? For Death is nothing more than a withdrawal from ownership. Does it pay to become Immortal? Does it pay to live a pure, unselfish, altruistic life, a sacrificial life for others? I would rather say it does, and to be a Real Success in Spiritual matters one needs be a real failure in Worldly affairs, and your Crown will shine long after other crowns are laid low in the Valley of Waste Material that will take ages upon ages to redeem and bring back to Earth life, to be given the same old chance over again of giving up all these material possessions *voluntarily* to gain the Crown of Immortal Life.

I would that ye hearken to my words, for the Wedding Garment of Love awaits my own who disown the World and all there is in it!!!

A SPIRITUAL PRESIDENT



AMERICA will shortly demand a Spiritual President. Now what on Earth do I mean by a Spiritual President? A President who has risen far enough above the masses to express the Spiritual state and needs of the Nation. Who can voice the Principles of the Republic sufficient to guide it into The New Age which is now being thrust upon us from the plane within.

In other words the New President will embody as Lincoln embodied the ideal state wherein the One can the expression of the many be made manifest.

The New President has within his own knowledge and command the power and force which will regenerate not only America but the Whole World and his Message of UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD will be from a National rather than from an International standpoint. For the Americanization of the Whole World is the new work and assignment of this New President who takes his orders from the Powers *within himself* and not from without as has been the order and workings of past Presidents.

Every generation has to work out its own problems and this problem of the New Generation of young Americans will be to co-ordinate and simplify their inner workings into a concrete example on the physical plane where Immortality is found in expression and not an abstract quality of Orthodoxy to be found only in Religion and the Churches.

I need not explain further to young Americans what I mean, for they are as Tongues of Flame in expression to give life and formality to this NEW MAN Eternal in the Heavens who is none other than their own Soul Self.

THE COMING CHRIST!



THE COMING CHRIST is not alone confined to the energies of Mrs. Annie Besant's Theosophical Society but has a rival in the Organization which publishes "The Temple Artisan," magazine at Halcyon, Calif. We find in the August-September, 1929, issue of this publication an outright declaration *that the AVATAR has arrived* and as the Editor expresses himself: "This time He came to His own, and they received Him." Evidently this must be a Brother of young Krishnamurti, who is playing Santa Claus for the Temple folks at Halcyon. The Editor goes on to say:

"If many are disappointed that the Great Avatar did not appear in a spectacular manner this year then disappointment but reveals their unfaith and lack of understanding of His means of appearing to the individual. Let us remember what was said when He came as Jesus of Nazareth! 'He came to His own, and His own received Him not.' This time He came to His own, and they received Him."

Then it all depends on the means of coming that makes it a complicated affair for the ordinary individual to understand. I suppose he must possess a pair of psychic binoculars, a Rosicrucian horoscope and be in radio touch with the etheric forces before he can comprehend just what the Editor is getting at. He says further:

"This year, also, is the year of Fulfillment of the prophecy concerning the Avatar. On a certain date just about 30 years ago, the Avatar, Divine Incarnation, descending again from its Father-Mother Source on the lower astral plane, where it has grown and developed and profoundly affected and stirred the

world of Humanity. There has been a great stirring up during the last thirty years in all fields of human action, but underneath this stirring up the Avataric force of reconstruction has been going on. This great Light is now in powerful manifestation on the plane next interior to the physical and can come out on the physical *if it is necessary*, in a body of what we might call condensed force. But as it is a Universal Force and belongs to all races of the Earth, it can influence Humanity more profoundly and directly through the *inner consciousness*. Marks of Its Presence, however, will be seen in many places on the Earth; and many people who are rightly attuned will feel, hear or realize It or even see this Great Force face to face, although we must remember that It is not confined to any particular form and It may appear to anyone in a most unexpected way—as the saying is ‘like a thief in the night.’

“It is not strange that in these thirty years of our Temple Work during which time we have been looking and aspiring for this Divine manifestation and preparing the way by outer works and words and inner attitude, as well as celebrating continuously the Feast of Expectation of the ‘Perfect Man and Master’ of all the races of the earth, that in these thirty years the Judas power of treachery and betrayal should also manifest in our midst and attempt to block the way of Light that is with us and in us. . . .’

“From now on the Feast of Expectation that has been held for thirty years in the Order of the Thirty-six, analogous to the communion service of the churches, will be known as the Feast of Fulfillment; and we can consider that we are in the thirtieth year of the New Dispensation of New Order of the

Ages, in accordance with Temple Work and endeavor; and as this is a cosmical truth it will be so recorded in our Temple literature, namely, we can call it the thirtieth year of the New Order of Ages.

"Preparatory to this we must recognize the glorious work of the first messenger sent out by the Lodge, H. P. Blavatsky, who paved the way for the temple. But the Temple which was the first order to announce the coming of the Avatar now has the serious as well as splendid opportunity of applying the grand truths and teachings given to it for the uplifting of Humanity; and these truths should be applied to all fields of human activities, religious philosophical, ethical, scientific, economical and political to the end that we may have 'a new Heaven and a new Earth.' This means in effect the fulfillment of the prophecy of John of the New Jerusalem or the Holy City, which interpreted means a new and higher state of consciousness for the whole human race and the inauguration of universal peace and universal brotherhood.

"Therefore, dear comrade, is not our responsibility great indeed? And we must remember that we are simply a nucleus to which much has been given and from which much will be expected. However, we will work in and with the Avatar and the Whole Lodge constructively, and with Their backing. Their great plans will be accomplished and Humanity will be redeemed. We have been told that the battle has already been won on inner planes, but there will necessarily be much opposition on outer planes in putting all of this into effect." (We think Mrs. Besant has already found it so!) "But the forces of universal harmony, love and unity will gradually or swiftly transmute all lower elements, and all must come to

pass as is written in the Inner Light.

"There are many who belong to the Temple nucleus who are not on our books, but who are vibrating with us and we with Them, and the more we can increase this number the better, for it increases the power of the central nucleus, back of which is the GREAT WHITE LODGE OF LIGHT!!!"

You who read the foregoing get the same impression I do if you are in the Spirit. The party writing this is undoubtedly *under control* while writing and it seems depends upon the number of people outwardly who can be enlisted in the ranks of the believers, to bring about the appearance and acceptance of the Avatar. It is much after the preparation of Mrs. Annie Besant's Coming Christ. They were to prepare the way for His coming that he might not meet with the opposition that confronted the lowly Man of Galilee. I wonder if the same aggregation of Masters who gave Annie little Krishnamurti are not also back of the Temple giving them an Avatar in a *condensed form a la the psychic plane?* It seems so foolish for the Editor of the "Temple Artisan" to state that this Great White Lodge is behind their favorite Avatar, and at the same time an outer "Feast of Expectation," "Feast of Fulfillment" and Feast of Despair must be inaugurated in order to put their particular Avatar "across" so to speak.

I believe if the truth were known these Temple people are only another branch or arm of the Annie Besant crowd who are trying to fool the Public in another manner. For this seems to be their manner of catching the World. If little Krishnamurti falls down on the job, we shall try and keep on trying from the physical manifestation, up through the psychic or

"condensed force" route to the very Atma manifestation where he comes, but you will never hear it, see it, taste it, smell it, feel it, nor even think of it, but must accept it because these Masters of Wisdom said so.

It is so foolish of these various orders to give out an Avatar when at the same time their Great Masters of Wisdom who create Avatars are unable to produce themselves and manifest on the physical level. Some say they do, but you will find that they are all common ordinary liars, who are operating under the Mother of all Liars, Madame Blavatsky herself, and the Daughter of Liars, Mrs. Annie Besant.

Christ's may come and Christ's may go, but Theosophy stands uncontaminated above the whole deception.

MRS. BESANT'S FALSE CHRIST!—



ATTENDED the "Public Lecture by J. Krishnamurti, Hindu Philosopher and Poet, known as a World Teacher, at the Grand Ball Room of the Sherman Hotel," as advertised by the Chicago Daily News of March 16th and found the hall filled with a free admission charge.

Mr. Krishnamurti of about 30 summers, tall, lean, dark and swarthy who speaks with a decided foreign accent seems to be laboring under the delusion that Americans are a very ignorant lot and it is his special mission to regenerate and enlighten them in matters ethical and spiritual. It was with this air of "superiority complex" that he mounted the platform and gave his audience and radio listeners his message of "Hindu Happiness."

Says Mr. Krishnamurti: Balance, Poise, Harmony backed by money and materialistic support tend to create "Happiness." Of course he had to travel from

Adyar, India, to Chicago, Ill., to tell us that. He further informs us that "we must overcome struggle with an understanding of how to overcome struggle," then there will be no more struggle, but "Happiness." Great! We never knew that before!

Again all Religions must be laid aside as they impede individual action and we must act from our own volitional standpoint to gain that "intuitional consciousness" which is the acme of Krishnaji's Balance, Poise and Harmony program.

I have no objection to this line of talk so long as Mr. Krishnamurti does not label it Spiritual coming from a World Teacher. But I do object to this argument of specious materialism when he upbraids Americans for the very things he is seeking to make his "Happiness" complete.

Mr. Rogers, who announced him and who is the President and Head of the American Section Theosophical Society informs the audience that we Americans are Masters of materialistic values but it is to India we must turn to be enlightened in things mental, ethical and spiritual. I would remind Mr. Rogers that if he considers Mr. Krishnamurti's lecture on "Happiness," as the essence of Spirituality he had best close the doors of his Theosophical Society Headquarters at Wheaton, Ill., and join Mr. Krishnamurti's following in his "will o' the Wisp" chase after "Happiness" backed by Balance, Poise, Power, Harmony and Money.

It seems so foolish for Mr. Krishnamurti to come out as "A World Teacher," and after being hatched, nursed, fed and financed by a Society whose fundamental basis is "the study of comparative Religions" condemn them all outright and tell Mother Besant

"now Mother that I can fly without your aid and assistance I condemn all the goodness that has helped to rear me." Well, we do not even believe that Krishnaji is yet free from Mrs. Besant's apron strings, but merely breaks away to satisfy the dissenting elements who help to form Mrs. Besant's World Wide Theosophical Organization.

The whole business of Krishnaji's elevation to "A World Teacher" (notice not "The World Teacher" as formerly announced), and to a poise of "Happiness" he can lay to Mrs. Besant's aid, power and personal influence backed by Mr. Leadbeater's "intuitive consciousness" in matters magic and material. So we cannot blame little Krishnaji so much for the sad plight he finds himself, the victim of "Happiness" created by those who sought to make him the tool and dupe in their hands.

Personally I do not think Krishnaji's message will last very long, for two reasons. He does not possess the requisite spiritual understanding of the philosophy he espouses and second his poor presentation and address and power of the platform make him an undesirable subject to voice anything that would elevate him to the position of Head and Spokesman of "A World Philosophy."

I do not deprecate Krishnaji's message for *its own sake* only I contend it is too shallow, empty and hollow to measure up with anything given out by the Hindu ancients and sages of the past. It is an insult to the intelligence of the American Public for him to stand up and tell them that they do not understand this and that when, as a matter of fact, some of the supposedly ignorant in Krishnaji's audience have gained a better conception of the Hindu aspect of "Spirituality" than

the infant Krishnaji himself.

I am unduly surprised that Mr. Rogers would occupy the same platform with Krishnamurti when he flouts all Religions and asks people to "stand alone" and follow him.

I think I may conclude my resume with the following solemn warning.

Little Krishnaji might be misunderstood by the fanatical mob of Religionists here in these United States and he had best be careful how far he goes in his "CHRIST CRUSADE," lest they send him back to Adyar with a label buttoned in the lapel of his coat, "NOT WANTED," in the Land of the Eagle, where "Happiness" is discounted without the glint of the EAGLE *within*.

HARRY E. RICHEIMER.

HE WANTS NO CASH, SAYS KRISHNAMURTI



UDDU KRISHNAMURTI explained to his Chicago followers last night at the Hotel Sherman why he ordered the disbanding of the Order of the Star in the East which was fostered by Dr. Annie Besant.

"Briefly his explanation was that 'you cannot have an organization of the spirit.'

"'I do not want followers,' he said. 'I do not want a bank account. I want to teach and lecture and write.'

"Krishnamurti came into the city quietly yesterday morning—in contrast to former entrances when he was hailed as a prophet."

The foregoing printed in the Herald and Examiner shows conclusively to what means the False Christ

will resort in order to catch the masses. Formerly he was advertised as "The World Teacher," now as simply "A World Teacher," giving the impression that he is only one of the many other World Teachers. The disbanding of "The Order of the Star in the East" was at Mrs. Besant's behest and not at the order of little Krishnamurti at all. The new role of meekness and poverty is only another ruse of Mrs. Besant and Charles Leadbeater to catch American suckers and American pocketbooks.

He wants no bank account. He needs no bank account with a ranch in California, a hunting lodge in Scotland, and a home in Holland and the money given him by Mrs. Besant out of the proceeds of the sale of Mr. Leadbeater's "At the Feet of the Master." To show to what ends the New Christ will resort in order to evade a bank account and draw on the pocketbooks of his disciples and fanatical followers, we present a concrete example.

Krishnaji met with an automobile accident last year in California, and the injured brought suit against him for damages for \$8,000. The poor penniless Krishnaji was restituted to that amount after a two-day subscription among his followers and the Hindu Prophet of Happiness was sent on his way rejoicing. He claimed a fly flew into his eye and blinded him resulting in the collision.

We prophesy that the poverty of the Coming Christ may become a reality after Mother Besant passes off the physical plane, as it is to her aid and assistance that he can launch his campaign of Happiness, Poverty and fanatical obedience to his silent demands among those who have not as yet been able to fathom the depths of his Hindu psychology.

THE DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS HERE IN AMERICA

HE increased cost of everything which has become indispensable and the lack of employment have brought about a most deplorable condition among the laboring classes. The Anglo-Saxon race through war and through changing economic conditions has arrived at a most critical development in its economic and social life. Crime has increased to an extent never before known in this country, and the need for charity among the laboring classes has assumed such gigantic proportions that it can no longer be adequately relieved.

"During the same month President Coolidge delivered his Thanksgiving address to the people last November, thanking God for the prosperity enjoyed by these States during the year, St. Patrick's shelter for men, of San Francisco, cared for 4,768 homeless men out of employment. And the 107 charity associations, of San Francisco, during the year assisted a vast army of 160,000 men, women and children in needy circumstances. Many thousands more, no doubt, needed assistance but were too proud to apply for it. Yet conditions in this city is probably no worse than in other American cities.

"The prosperity of a country cannot justly be estimated by the number of its millionaires, or by the amount of money stored in banks, or by its great corporations or value of real estate, but must be based on the prosperity of its individual members. Extreme riches and extreme poverty side by side is a sure sign of bad government. A country in which so many are forced to seek charity and where a working man cannot earn enough to support a medium-sized family can

no longer be regarded a prosperous country. The Coolidge administration has proved one of the worst in the history of this nation; the silent man left the dinner pail empty.

"If the Creator, perchance, listens to Thanksgiving orations he must accept them on behalf of the wealthy classes and not of the unemployed masses who have little to be thankful for on account of prosperity. There are now 35,000 millionaires in this country, according to latest statistics, who ought to be thankful to somebody. Most of their wealth is derived from profits of labor, often filched from toil of women and children.

"According to compiled statistics, 86 per cent of the people of this country are poor, and the major portion of the nation's wealth has passed into the hands of the remaining 14 per cent. The brotherhood of poverty is world-wide and the only brotherhood by which toilers of all lands are united. Stupid wealth sweeps onward without a thought or care for the human wreckage it leaves in its trail.

"The world's religious development and sense of justice, though greatly improved, are still mostly shams and historians of the future will be forced to apprise this age as ultra-selfish and lacking in governmental protection and care of its working people.

"Big business and the people in power divide the nation's wealth among themselves. Owners and controllers of the big interests are dominant powers in this country; they largely control the government and direct legislation in their own interests, and they become heroes of the big newspapers who chronicle every move they make.

"The plebian population, on the other hand, gener-

ally own and control nothing, perform the hard work of the nation, live and die unnoticed unless, perchance, they should happen to kill somebody. If this has occurred, the newspapers send a staff of reporters to the execution and, if the fellow dies game, they become jubilant and get an entertaining write-up for their morbid readers.

"Working people succeed generally under normal conditions in making a living unaided by charities until they reach the "dead line" of the age limit, at which time their real trouble commences in this country. When no longer allowed to work, some become professional tramps, others eke out an existence selling newspapers on street corners, and not a few commit suicide rather than beg or steal. *This is twentieth century civilization in this great country with its vast resources and wealth.*

"The people in power who run this country—legislators, politicians, judges, officialdom from top to bottom—employed by municipal, state and federal governments, on the other hand, become wards of the state or nation. They have permanent jobs, good working conditions, excellent salaries, quite often a little side money by grafting a bit. And when their years of service are ended they receive a handsome pension as long as they live. One good turn deserves another, and these favorably situated people should be especially charged with the responsibility of producing large families to supply the army and navy with recruits, and to keep the race going.

"There is a constant agitation among them, championed by millionaire newspapers, for bigger salaries and larger pensions with the result, that the treasuries of all departments are depleted and there is no money

available for old age pensions for deserving poor outside of governments, or to care adequately for dependent sick. But within governmental rank, especially among the higher-ups, there is no stint, large salaries are paid officials whose services are worth next to nothing, and pensions granted them.

From the foregoing statement from the August, September, October issue of "REASON," quarterly, by P. A. Jensen under the heading, 'Birth Control,' we see that all is not well within our own borders as our estimable Presidents Hoover and Coolidge would have us believe. It is a known fact that there is an autocracy springing up here in America which would totally eclipse the Royal Aristocracy of old Europe. The rich are growing richer and the poor, poorer and when our Internationalism has its own way and America is brought under the status which Mr. Elihu Root, Charles Evans Hughes and Herbert Hoover would place us, we shall become a Europeanized America where the individual will have no more say than a subject of the Crown of England, Italy or Spain.

When will America come into its own is the question on the lips of every true American today? When we come into a World Court or League of Nations is the reply of our slave Masters at Washington. When Americans sense the dangers strong enough to rise up and throw off the chains of gold that are strangling the very economic existence out of them and no sooner. Even the banking institutions throughout America are aligning themselves with the armed forces when the time comes to completely capture America and set up a King or Crowned Ruler who will represent them as the cap-stone of Materialism victorious in the Land of

the Eagle. But one thing they have forgotten and left out of their whole scheming, and that one thing is that America was founded with the idea of bringing all Nations into a Universal Convocation of Races, and the AMERICANIZATION OF THE WORLD was the object in sight. How far this will be accomplished will depend upon how far the People will allow the moneyed element to control America, and destroy their God given Liberties."

ARE YOU A MOVIE FAN?



YOU are? "Why, yes, I go oh perhaps two or three times a week or month." Can't keep away, can you? "No, strange, isn't it? I just say to myself, now I won't go this evening and don't you know at the last minute something impels me to get ready and lo and behold, I'm in my seat facing the gaping lion with the peal of the organ, or, perhaps, when late the Sennett Brothers are putting on their foolish stuff."

The above is the frank admission of millions of fans here in these United States who simply can't keep away from these sink holes of iniquity. Pictures whose low conscienceless authors are a disgrace and menace to the moral well being of our Nation. And yet, the play goes on despite all the protests of preachers, teachers or reformers. For they (the people) just simply can't keep away and it's getting so far along now that the latest movie stars dictate the fashions, the tastes, the manners even to the mode of thinking. Why even our little school children know more about Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton or Elmer Conklin than they do of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln or Thomas Paine.

And, say you, I know it's for their betterment for they are well posted and well informed in all the vital issues of the day from flying in an airplane to the latest pranks on a Paris Boulevard. Why do you object? You're an old fogey. You know they go along with the radio and we simply could not do without our radio.

"Well, I don't care what DIVINE LIFE says or any other being. I like the movies and to the movies I am going to continue to go, even if it does not fit into your spiritual conception of how Americans should conduct themselves. Why, President Hoover came out several days ago and advised us that the movies were just the thing and you know President Hoover *knows*. He knows everything from building bridges to starving Nations at war!"

The foregoing, dear reader, is just the conversation that would take place were the Editor of the DIVINE LIFE to meet the average movie fan. And I daresay the movie fan would not change his attitude for a minute because as he says himself: "I am just impelled to go it seems above my own will, for I feel so lonesome sitting at home since I have started to go."

There is the point, these pictures get reeling through your brain, and the next evening at the usual time they begin to revolve inside your consciousness and you can't refrain from going because the mental images are too strong for your own will power to throw them off.

I wonder how many cases of insanity, mental aberration, sore eyes, neck headaches, weakened nerves and a host of unnoticed maladies have arisen to movie fans who attribute it to some other cause. Simply because

they cannot keep away? They are drunk with the movies the same as any toper is drunk with his liquor and must go back to the same old bottle to get the sensation that satisfies his inner nature that craves sensation. But, say you, it cannot do me any real harm. See how many others go and you don't hear anything but praise of them. You don't, eh? If you knew, kind reader, what is causing the most of our crime, infidelity and divorce evils today you wouldn't make such a foolish assertion. Why half the Crime in the United States is directly the fault of these pictures getting into the mental state of the individual and causing him to reproduce on the physical plane what he had witnessed on the screen. I saw a man sitting in a seat next me in a street car going through all the motions of a Charlie Chaplin. I saw a girl sitting on a front porch imitating Greta Garbo, and with her care free manner smokes her cigarettes as though she were the screen star herself (while her mother washes the dishes, prepares the meals, and takes care of her daughter's infant)!

The movie bug has the masses coming their way and before long we can dispense with the sensational newspapers for the more sensational movies for with the movies *you simply don't have to think*, they do all your thinking for you.

Now the harm the movies are doing is beginning to tell on the American populace that it is feared by the millionaires who own the bulk of the movie stock together with one influential Presbyterian Will Hays that if the secret leaks out the American People will desert them in a fortnight. Hence we see in our evening newspapers the following guff coming from our wise English President to allay the fears and subdue

the masses in the peaceful valley of ignorance where the sheep are shorn of their wool and the propaganda of the Devil goes on unmolested. The following anent:

Why They Like the Films

"Of course the general public is completely 'sold' on the merits of the moving picture yet it is interest to note occasional comment about the films by prominent persons in this and other countries. 'For instance, President Hoover sees in the moving picture a valuable help to education. He is quoted as being favorable to enlarge the educational opportunities of the students. He sees this as one of the problems of both state and national governments.'

"Carl E. Milliken, former governor of Maine, praises the moving picture because it furnishes 'clean, healthful recreation and some escape from the pressure of working and thinking. . . .' Now comes Dr. Koelsh, Bavarian state councilor and industrial physician to the Bavarian government, who has tested the effect of American moving pictures on young people and declares that they turn the young away from crime and evil doing because they show inevitable punishment for crime."

The editor of this low down yellow sheet, no doubt sitting there with a cigarette in his mouth, adds: "In addition to the opinions of experts and scientists, we will all agree that we get a lot of enjoyment from the films."

Now from the foregoing you will see the newspaper drivel is as impelling and convincing as the films themselves. Why, may I ask, do the movies, which are so popular today as to take millions out of the pockets of foolish Americans need any advertising or encourage-

ment in the way of editorials in our leading American dailies? There is only one answer, and that is as I said before, the evils arising from attendance of these films are becoming so great, dangerous and menacing to the health, morals, and well-being of Americans as to bring the heroic efforts of our foreign President and Doctors to proclaim them harmless and helpful.

But we shall see who is right. The men who are conscienceless and who believe that the dollar shall rule America and destroy them body and Soul or the men who still have some true love for our American rising generation and would save them from these screen Hells that are a menace to our Nation and drug to our Souls.

If President Hoover knows so much (about the movies) why don't he issue a Proclamation that will close their doors for all time instead of lying about the matter to make himself popular with the millionaire moving picture syndicates who no doubt control him and in which he has a financial interest himself?

Dr. Milliken told the truth: "It saves them from working and thinking," just the basis for a criminal record.

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Jacksonville, Fla.,

Dear Mr. Lang:

While reading some of the various magazines available in the Public Library yesterday I chanced upon your monthly magazine and it instantly appealed to me and I read it through.

You may send me application blank and along with it I would like to have an outline of a progressive reading course suitable for a beginner in this study. Perhaps you have a question and answer manual that also would be helpful in my investigation of this religion.

Long since have I dropped the "so-called" Christian religions represented by the Protestants and Catholics as unworkable and thought for a while I had found the real thing in New Thought, then Unity, but they both have failed to hold my interest. Your idea that we waste our breath in praying ignorantly instead of acting intelligently struck me as being the sanest thing I have come across in a long time and if your ideas rightly understood represent TRUTH in its stark reality I want to know all I can about it.

As far as the Bible is concerned the only thing that intrigues and interests me is the ease and facility Jesus Christ expressed in all that He did leaving the Promise that those following after would do even greater things. I don't believe He spoke any idle nonsense and He meant just what He said. He certainly had material expression at His finger tips; however, I think He knew the Law and fully expressed it in everything He did.

I shall be glad to receive any information you send that will be helpful.

Yours very truly,

Little Rock, Ark.,
Feb. 12th, 1930.

HARRY E. RICHEIMER,
536 So. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—This A. M. I came across the February number of "Divine Life." Can't understand why I have not known of it before.

In your article you have expressed just what I have contended for years: that Truth and revelation are with us—we do not need to go to foreign people or back to old and obsolete prophecies to find them. That the Guiding Force reveals to each generation according to their needs and as the mind is "tuned" to receive it. I am also convinced that there are great bands as you say on both sides of life whose sole mission seems to be to give out misleading information. "The woods are full of 'em."

Yet out of it all good must come and is no doubt a process needed to make some think for themselves. Who knows but the process by which those souls are awakened as well.

Yours truly,

Chicago, Ill.,

Divine Life Press,

Dear Sir:

Once again I have picked up a copy of Divine Life and read every word.

Go ahead, Peter, and if thou should'st cut off an adversary's ear, though I should tell thee to sheathe thy sword, yet will I secretly love thee for thy impulsiveness born of Love.

May peace profound be with you.

Fraternally yours,



(*THE NEW ORDER OF AGES*)

THE INDEPENDENT THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA,

NOW that the many thousands who have dropped out of The Theosophical Movement of 1875, as founded by Madam Blavatsky and Col. Olcott, and which has been carried forward by Annie Besant, are awakened to the real situation and see that there is no Salvation or Liberty to be acquired under the blighting influence of these two Catholic Leaders, (Blavatsky and Besant,) who preach Salvation and Liberation in future ages and not **here and now**, and who have wantonly led the sheep back into the Catholic fold, and have betrayed the trust imposed in them of carrying forward a Theosophical Movement based on inward spiritual truths, which free the seeker from the outward habiliments of forms, ceremonies, symbols and occult influences, which retard and defeat the Doctrine of the Heart, which finds its apotheosis in natural spiritual development, giving supreme authority to the individual himself, in contradistinction to the doctrines of the Roman Church which place a Priest and a Hierarchical Ladder of Supreme Heads between Man and his inmost Spirit, thereby robbing him of self-reliance and self-dependence, and making him the play of outward Masters and forces, against the injunction of Jesus of Nazareth, "Call no man your Master, for one is you Master, even the Spirit within you our own Higher Self, the time has arrived to launch

The Great Independent Theosophical Movement

INDEPENDENT of Madame Blavatsky, Annie Besant, and all the hosts of unseen dark entities which have served them in changing Theosophy into Catholicism,

The call has gone forth to organize and establish lodges and societies in every town city and state in these United States, and through the intermediate of literature and lectures, bring about the co-ordination of the Protestant elements in America, and establish a nucleus for the influx of the Spirit from on High to again visit us, and bring the Spirit of the—AMERICAN REPUBLIC—forward as the saving and redeeming grace of a Humanity who look to AMERICA and its Spiritual ones for the Salvation of the Race and the Redemption of the World!

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